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In re the application of )  
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UPGRADING EXISTING )  
FIRMWARE ON THIRD PARTY )  
HARDWARE )

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Figure 1 consists of 12 sub-graphs labeled (a) through (l), each showing the growth of *E. coli* O157:H7 in ground beef under different conditions. The y-axis for all graphs is  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, ranging from 0 to 10. The x-axis is time in hours, ranging from 0 to 24. The graphs show various growth curves, including control, different temperatures, and various chemical treatments.

- (a) Control: Shows a steady increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g from 0 to approximately 8.5 over 24 hours.
- (b) 4°C: Shows a very slow increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 1.5 at 24 hours.
- (c) 10°C: Shows a slow increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 3.5 at 24 hours.
- (d) 16°C: Shows a moderate increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 5.5 at 24 hours.
- (e) 22°C: Shows a rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 8.5 at 24 hours.
- (f) 28°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.
- (g) 34°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.
- (h) 40°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.
- (i) 46°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.
- (j) 52°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.
- (k) 58°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.
- (l) 64°C: Shows a very rapid increase in  $\log_{10}$  CFU/g, reaching approximately 10 at 24 hours.

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